

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: March 12, 2020

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

Cc: Jerene Watson, City Manager; Dawn Prince, Deputy City Manager
Leadership Team

FROM: Kraig Fullen, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: **COCHISE ADDICTION RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP (CARP) AND DRUG
ADDICTION RESOURCES**

The following information is being provided in response to Councilmember Grijalva's request for information and public education on resources to help the public have information on drug addiction resources and programs. This report provides background regarding the **Cochise Addiction Recovery Partnership (CARP)** and associated activities of the Police Department to address Substance Use Disorder (SUD) at the local level.

DISCUSSION:

In the last couple of years, we have seen the first real presence of heroin in our community with accompanying paraphernalia inclusive of used syringes.

Nationally the law enforcement response to the opioid crisis has been "Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative" (PAARI) which is also referred to as the "Angel Initiative". The premise behind the program is for law enforcement to approach the subject of addiction as a health issue and refer willing users into treatment rather than arresting them for possession or use. While it is a shift from the normal approach to the problem it is not a complete abandonment of enforcement. Those persons who are willing and voluntarily request treatment will be given that opportunity. However, those who participate in sales and victimization tactics will continue to be dealt with criminally. Towards this end, the Department continues to work closely with our local, state and federal partners in targeting those involved in the sale of street-level narcotics.

The local response has been to tailor the PAARI and Angel Initiative approach to fit within the resources that are available locally through collaboration with the various health agencies throughout Cochise County. This collaboration is known as the Cochise Addiction Recovery Partnership (CARP). For more information please visit the CARP webpage at <https://www.cochise.az.gov/health-and-social-services/carp-cochise-addiction-recovery-partnership>.

The Department, in conjunction with CARP and the Bisbee Police Department, was selected to receive an AmeriCorp VISTA service member, Monica Ybarra, who is assisting to expand the capacity and capabilities of the program described above.

Through the CARP partnership, the Department is able to offer a ride to any person requesting treatment for SUD to the Community Bridges facility in Benson. This facility provides 24/7 access to treatment regardless of a person's ability to pay and connects them to the various treatment options available within Cochise County and if necessary Pima County or elsewhere within their network. Additionally, there are a number of providers in Douglas and Cochise County that offer inpatient and outpatient treatment assistance, including Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). (Please review the attached flyer). Since implementation in 2018 we have transported nearly a dozen residents to CBI in Benson.

Since 2018 the Department has trained the majority of sworn staff in the use of Naloxone, used to reverse an opioid induced overdose. Since the start of 2020, officers have responded to at least five (5) reported overdose cases where Naloxone was administered as a life saving measure.

The Department plans to host a community forum in late March or early April to provide an opportunity for the provider agencies associated with CARP to discuss their services and exchange information with community members.

RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION: This report is for information only.



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RECOVERY
PARTNERSHIP**

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REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNITY AND POLICE PARTNERSHIP
TO GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED
INSTEAD OF PUTTING THEM IN HANDCUFFS.**

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT CARP'S FACEBOOK PAGE OR
COCHISE.AZ.GOV/HEALTH-AND-SOCIAL-SERVICES/HOME**

**HOW DOES IT WORK? WALK INTO THE BISBEE OR DOUGLAS POLICE STATIONS, OR
CONTACT A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, & LET THEM KNOW YOU WANT TREATMENT. YOU'LL BE
TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO A TREATMENT CENTER & CONNECTED WITH THE RESOURCES
YOU NEED TO GET HEALTHY. *YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO ARREST IF YOU HAVE AN
OUTSTANDING WARRANT.**

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